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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hideaki TADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/380,276

Filed: August 27, 1999

Docket No: Q55589

Confirmation No.: 2406

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: E. O'Hara

For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, DNAs ENCODING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of June 17, 2002, to December 17, 2002.

A check for the statutory fee of \$920.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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